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FROM NEA/DRAPER FOR COL. GROSS AND AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: SURVEY TEAM COMMENTS ON ADDITIONAL SMALL ARMS

REQUEST

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1. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY CLARIFICATION. IS THE TOTAL INVENTORY FIGURE OF 10,437 THE INVENTORY OF UNDISTRIBUTED RPT UNDISTRIBUTED SMALL ARMS?

2. WE ARE STAGGERED BY THE ABSENCE OF AMMUNITION FOR MORTARS, FIELD ARTILLERY, AND ARMORED CAR, GUNS. ISN'T LAF EXPECTING MAY DELIVERY OF RIFLES? HAVE THEY ALSO ORDERED MORTAR AND ARTILLERY AMMUNITION? WHEN COULD DELIVERY BE EXPECTED? REFTEL DOES NOT MAKE CLEAR TO US WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE MORTARS AND FIELD ARTILLERY IN ALREADY FUNCTIONING

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MILITARY UNITS, WITH AT LEAST SMALL AMMO RESERVES ON SITE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING CLEAR IF THERE ARE DISTINCTIONS OF THIS KIND.

3. THESE INTERIM REPORTS ARE IMMENSELY VALUABLE AT THIS CRITICAL STAGE.

4. 10 81 MM MORTARS AND 8,000 ROUNDS OF AMMO WERE PART OF  
FY 77 PACKAGE. WE ARE WORKING TO FIND OUT WHERE THEY ARE IN  
THE SUPPLY PIPELINE, SO FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS. CAPTAIN  
NEHME MAY KNOW. VANCE

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